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### Re: Senate Bill 404 – An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Task Force to Review the Oversight Role of Professional Examining Boards Regulating Health Care Professionals

Good morning Senator Harris, Representative Ritter, Ranking Members DeBicella and Giegler and members of the Public Health Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Senate Bill 404 – An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Task Force to Review the Oversight Role of Professional Examining Boards Regulating Health Care Professionals

The various examining boards that regulate health care professionals in our state play an important role. They are primarily responsible for helping to set guidelines for who may be licensed and for disciplining respective members. As such, these boards play a critical role in ensuring patient health and wellbeing.

While well intentioned, unfortunately some of the examining boards that exist have not done an effective job ensuring patient health and wellbeing. Senate Bill 404 would create a task force that would examine the oversight roles of the various professional examining boards in the state. The taskforce would be required to, among other responsibilities, determine if the public is being effectively protected and represented by the composition of various examining boards is

Specifically, I would recommend that the task force would look at the composition of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Currently, the board consists of seven members, four of whom must have practiced chiropractic continuously in this state for at least three years. I would suggest that the task force considering making the following changes.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall consist of six members:

- Three of whom shall be chiropractors
  - One with 10 years or more experience
  - One with 10 years or less experience, and one with no experience qualifier
- One member who is a physician who does not practice chiropractic medicine
- Two members of the general public.

I believe that a board with this new composition will be in a better position to serve the public. I would like to again thank the co-chairs for their willingness to raise this bill this session. I sincerely hope that the committee looks favorable on this bill so that it can make its way through the legislative process. Thank you.